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SUPPORT – SB-1020, An Act Concerning Water Resources & Economic Development

The Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CHCC) supports SB-1020, to address concerns regarding overreaching stream flow regulations that may hamper construction in this state.

CHCC supports SB-1020 to address a number of concerns that have been raised by the construction community relative to how DEP's proposed stream flow regulations will impact certain communities in terms of opportunities to sustain construction and expansion. Although we support efforts to protect the environment and have embraced green technologies, the regulations impose a massive set of regulations governing water resources that will thwart efforts to rebuild Connecticut's economy.

SB-1020 reins in the regulations to provide more balance. This will help address concerns that certain communities will face moratoriums on new construction because they will not have adequate water supplies to meet the needs of new customers.

By requiring the regulations to be adopted in concurrence with other agencies, such as DECD, the regulations also provide a more balanced review process. DEP has only been looking at the regulations from an environmental protection standpoint. However, such sweeping new regulations should be vetted by other agencies to determine the impact on the overall economy.

We therefore urge you to support SB-1020.

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The Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CHCC) is a trade association whose objectives are to strengthen and further trade relations, attract, educate and train necessary manpower, represent members at all levels of government and review and establish quality standards and procedures. The association represents over 125 Heating & Cooling Companies in Connecticut.